the public sector banks and some private sector banks having currency chests to accept torn/damaged notes from the public and exchange them. Special counters have been opened in all offices of the Reserve Bank of India for exchanging such notes. Mobile vans have been arranged for exchanging soiled notes at markets and business centres.

Due to coinisation of Re. I, Rs. 2 and Rs. 5 the overall demand for coins has also increased. Keeping this in mind, the Indian Government Mints are being modernisation to augment the supply of coins. In addition, coins are also being imported as a temporary measure.

Assistance from World Bank

2638. SHRI KULD1PNAYYAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of allocation made by the World Bank in the last five years;

(b) how much amount has been utilized so far; and

(c) how much money has been paid to the Bank per year as bank charges, etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB V1KHE PATIL): (a) and (b) During the last five year (1995-96—1999-2000), assistance received by India from World Bank is Rs. 29448.20 crores, out of which Rs. 27,908.13 crores has been utilized.

(c) The bank charges and other charges (including interest) paid to the World Bank during this period are as under:—

Year	Amount Rs. in crores
1995-96	3022.17
1996-97	2848.71
1997-98	2664.70
1998-99	2767.62
1999-2000	2743.18